

your station in life compared to how much energy you use. How good you feel about life, how much energy you use: the United States out here using more energy than anybody else; 24 countries use less energy than we and feel better about their quality of life than we.

Now, my wife tells me I shouldn't be talking about these things because don't I remember that in ancient Greece they killed the messenger that brought bad news. I tell her this is a good-news story. The sooner we start, the easier the trip will be. I'm really exhilarated by this. There's no exhilaration like the exhilaration of meeting and overcoming a big challenge. This is a huge challenge. We have the most innovative, creative society in the world. Properly informed and properly motivated, I think we're equal to the challenge. I see this as a very challenging fun future, where we really have something we can all pull together to accomplish.

I hope we'll be back here next week, and at that time I want to spend most of the time talking about what are the potential replacements for oil, what are the potentials, and which are the most promising, and what do we need to do.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. EVERETT (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

Mr. PETRI (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until noon on account of traveling delays.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today until 12:05 p.m. on account of traveling delays.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. GIFFORDS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. GIFFORDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SHEA-PORTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YARMUTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. FOXX) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, February 14.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, February 14.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's

table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2457. An act to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 5140. An act to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 8, 2008, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5257. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a comprehensive review of the C-5 Reliability Enhancement and Re-Engining Program (RERP), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5258. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding the Department's report on the amount of purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2007, pursuant to Public Law 104-201, section 827 (110 Stat. 2611); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5259. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting Notice of the decision to conduct a standard competition of the Supply functions at Robins Air Force Base (AFB), Georgia, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5260. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter regarding a report to be submitted pursuant to Section 813 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, Pub. L. 109-360; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5261. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5262. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting Authorization of Captain David W. Titley to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5263. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness,

Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Leonard A. Patrick to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5264. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on space-available transportation as required by Section 359 of the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2006, Pub. L. 109-163; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5265. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the budgeting of the Department of Defense for the sustainment of key military equipment, pursuant to Public Law 109-163, section 361; to the Committee on Armed Services.

5266. A letter from the Congressional Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Joint Report to Congress on the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5267. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's 2008 Report on Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5268. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to South Korea pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5269. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Service, transmitting the Department's final rule — Interstate Shipment of Etiologic Agents (RIN: 0920-AA19) received January 25, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5270. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Transparency Provisions of Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act [Docket No. RM07-10-000; Order No. 704] received December 27, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5271. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Retirement Systems Modernization (RIN: 3206-AL34) received January 2, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5272. A letter from the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Special Regulation for the Central Idaho and Yellowstone Area Nonsensational Experimental Populations of Gray Wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains [FWS-R6-ES-2008-009 92220-1113-0000; ABC Code: C3] (RIN: 1018-AV39) received January 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5273. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Tidewater Goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) [FWS-R8-ES-2008-0010 92210-1117-0000-B4] (RIN: 1018-AU81) received January 28, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5274. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on